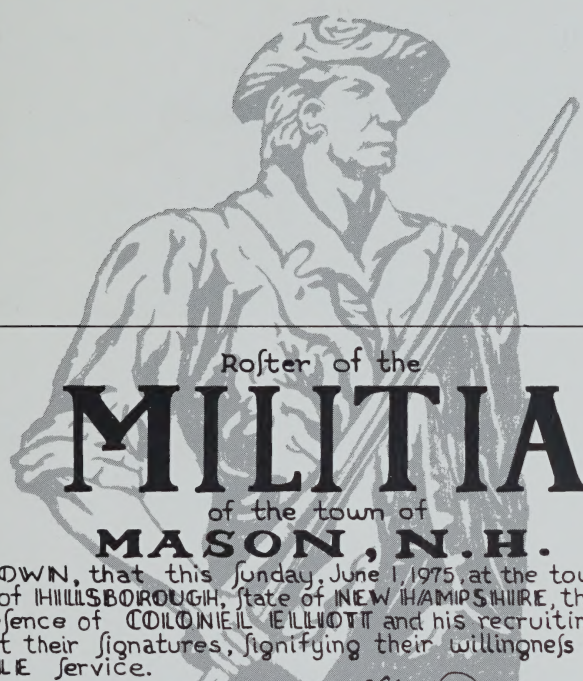
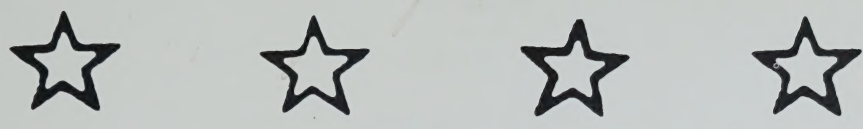


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of the town of
MASON, N.H.

BE IT KNOWN, that this Sunday, June 1, 1975, at the town hall in MASON, in the county of HILLSBOROUGH, State of NEW HAMPSHIRE, these men of spirit did, in the presence of COLONEL ELLIOTT and his recruiting party, affix to this document their signatures, signifying their willingness to enlist in this HONORABLE service.

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| 1. <u>Robert J. Ditt</u> | 21. <u>Donald E. McNamee</u> | 41. <u>Robert F. Dunham</u> |
| 2. <u>John D. Bunker</u> | 22. <u>William J. McNamee</u> | 42. <u>Marshall A. Gifford</u> |
| 3. <u>David Paul</u> | 23. <u>Edward McNamee</u> | 43. <u>Bartholomew F. Stone</u> |
| 4. <u>Stephen Humphreys</u> | 24. <u>George M. Dwyer</u> | 44. <u>Michael C. Stone</u> |
| 5. <u>Paul Dwyer</u> | 25. <u>James E. Dwyer</u> | 45. <u>Ray Stone</u> |
| 6. <u>Michael Chase</u> | 26. <u>David J. Dwyer</u> | 46. <u>John E. Johnson</u> |
| 7. <u>Steven W. Monahan</u> | 27. <u>Robert W. Dwyer</u> | 47. <u>Stephen J. White</u> |
| 8. <u>Dave Cumbach</u> | 28. <u>Robert J. Dwyer</u> | 48. <u>Donald E. Boudette</u> |
| 9. <u>Walter F. Brown</u> | 29. <u>James M. Elliott</u> | 49. <u>Paul J. Johnson</u> |
| 10. <u>Paul Johnson</u> | 30. <u>James A. Gagne</u> | 50. <u>Deane E. Casady</u> |
| 11. <u>Jeffrey Taylor</u> | 31. <u>Philip V. Moran</u> | 51. <u>Raymond C. Boudette</u> |
| 12. <u>Robert A. Wood</u> | 32. <u>Charles H. Galt</u> | 52. <u>Charles A. Boudette</u> |
| 13. <u>Kenneth Gungllood</u> | 33. <u>William H. Boudette</u> | 53. <u>Robert J. Boudette</u> |
| 14. <u>John J. Paine</u> | 34. <u>Charles B. Jackson</u> | 54. <u>Long J. White</u> |
| 15. <u>John W. Hetherman</u> | 35. <u>Charles F. Jackson</u> | 55. <u>Paul K. Boudette</u> |
| 16. <u>Thomas E. Barker</u> | 36. <u>Michael J. Boudette</u> | 56. <u>Harold M. Boudette</u> |
| 17. <u>Donald J. Armstrong</u> | 37. <u>Robert J. Boudette</u> | 57. <u>Thodore E. Stewart</u> |
| 18. <u>Kenneth Wilson</u> | 38. <u>Robert J. Boudette</u> | |
| 19. <u>Edward W. Spear</u> | 39. <u>Harold M. Boudette</u> | |
| | 40. <u>Harold M. Boudette</u> | |


Those who may favor this recruiting party with their attendance as above, will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing in a more particular manner the great advantages which these brave men will have, who shall embrace this opportunity of spending a few happy years in defence of this Community in the honourable and truly respectable character of a soldier.

Henry A. Somers
Chairman Bi-Centennial Commission

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Harold F. Elliott
Commander of the MASON Militia





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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Mason, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1975

and of the
OFFICERS OF THE
MASCENIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
Year Ending June 30, 1975

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

As we explained last year, the state assessors will soon be unable to do the assessing for the town because of their workload. Therefore your selectmen have been diligently learning the system, and we now feel confident that we can do the job. For this reason we are not having an article this year to raise money for this project. However, we feel that the selectmen should be somewhat compensated for this additional work and we are therefore asking for a \$100 raise. The town will still save over \$400 by not having the state assessors.

Don Armington continues to work on his many projects beyond the "call of duty." With his workers and the National Guard he is doing and has done a tremendous job on renovating the Town Hall. When you have time, let Don give you a guided tour, of the hall. Our thanks to Don and his crew.

The Road Agent was very successful with his road improvement program, but unfortunately his trucks are getting very tired. As you probably know, the town owns two old Army trucks which have done a lot of work, but as first line vehicles they just don't cut the mustard. Therefore, we are putting an article in the warrant to buy an excellent, slightly-used dump truck. This truck would give him much more capability and dependability.

Again this year we have been helped tremendously on our roads by being able to hire through federally sponsored jobs. At present, through June 1976, we have three men in this program.

In regard to the disposal of solid waste, Greenville is continuing with their plans to convert their present site to an acceptable incinerator/recycling site, so we are keeping our contact with them, feeling confident that we can negotiate an agreement with them for less than we can go it alone.

Since a back-up option is essential in this crucial area, we have completed the survey of the jointly-owned piece of land on Sand Pit road we mentioned last year, and have an

article in the warrant to buy most of T. A. Eaton's share of that land. Of course this piece of land has many more uses than for sanitary landfill, but if all other systems fail, we have a place that could be used for disposal of solid waste.

After much consideration on the tax map, we have come to the conclusion we just would never come up with the time to make the tax map ourselves. Therefore, we would like authorization, to use Revenue Sharing to negotiate a contract with a company to make our tax map.

Cover

Document of the 1975 re-enactment of the march to Bunker Hill by the men of Mason under Captain Benjamin Mann — Designed by Duane F. Brown

Minute-man drawing by Jeffrey Parker

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Term Expires

Moderator

William T. Clark, Resigned	
Marie A. McCaffery, Appointed	November 1976

Town Clerk

Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1978
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Treasurer

Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1978
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Selectmen

Raymond B. Parker	March 1976
Harold F. Elliott	March 1977
Michael J. Farrey	March 1978

Tax Collector

Linda J. Rousseau	March 1978
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Auditor

Isabelle Anderson, Resigned	
Cedric Valentine, Appointed	March 1976

Supervisors of Check List

Esther A. Spalding	November 1976
Cedric Valentine	November 1978
Mary Gilson	November 1980

Library Trustees

Joanne Parker	March 1976
Janet Stevens, Resigned	
Barbara Cumback, Appointed	March 1976
Lillias Johnson	March 1978

Trustees of Cemeteries

Donald A. Armington	March 1976
Frank Newell	March 1977
Edith Marshall	March 1978

Trustees of Trust Funds

James Rowse	March 1976
Robert G. Marshall	March 1977
Bowman F. Stone	March 1978

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer

Helen McClain	March 1976
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Ballot Clerks

Helvi Murto	November 1976
Janet Stevens, Resigned	
Katherine Hinckley, Appointed	November 1976
Laila Washburn	November 1976
Shirley Morley	November 1976

Financial Advisory Committee

James Rowse, Chairman	March 1976
Paul Stevens	March 1977
Cedric Valentine, Resigned	
Robert Wilson, Appointed	March 1978
Irene Smith	March 1979
Donald A. Armington	March 1980

Planning Board

David Baker	March 1976
Paul Stevens, Chairman	March 1977
Darrel Lawler	March 1978
Jeanette Ammon	March 1979
Michael J. Farrey, Ex-Officio	
Isabelle Farrey, Secretary	
Robert Wilson, Alternate	

Board of Adjustment

Earle P. Robinson	March 1976
Stephen White	March 1977
Cedric Valentine, Chairman	March 1977
Albert Schlemmer	March 1978
Charles Babb	March 1979
John Paron, Alternate	
Peter Dimmitt, Alternate	

Conservation Commission

Charlotte Hastings	March 1976
Donald A. Armington	March 1977
Clifton W. Hastings, Chairman	March 1978
Ann Preston	March 1979

*Southwestern New Hampshire
Regional Planning Commission*

Michael Farrey	March 1976
Harold F. Elliott	March 1978
Paul Stevens, Alternate	

*Library and Town Offices
Building Committee*

Raymond B. Parker	March 1976
Paul Stevens	March 1977
Lillias Johnson	March 1978
Jeanette Ammon	March 1979
James Rowse	March 1980

Highway Safety Commission

Bowman F. Stone, Chairman	
Fred Gilson	Curtis M. Dunn
Alwin E. Hodson	Claire Cadran
Robert G. Marshall	Nancy McNamara

Sanitary Landfill Committee

Paul Stevens
Darrel Lawler
Michael Farrey, Ex-Officio

Water Hole Committee

Charles Fifield
Bruce Berry
Curtis M. Dunn

Police Officers

Fred S. Gilson, Chief	Kenneth Tibbetts, Patrolman,
John D. Paron, Sgt.	Resigned
Ronald Lapointe, Sgt.	Peter Dimmitt, Appointed

Fire Chief

Alwin E. Hodson

Forest Fire Wardens

Alwin E. Hodson, Warden	William T. Clark, 3rd Deputy
Curtis M. Dunn, 1st Deputy	Kenneth Wilson, 4th Deputy
Clifton Hastings, 2nd Deputy	

Road Agent

Curtis M. Dunn

Building Inspector

Kenneth Wilson

Town Hall Custodian

Donald A. Armington

Sexton

Kenneth Cook

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

The Polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the second day of March, next at half past seven of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to place Federal Revenue Sharing monies amounting to \$8,300.00 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a tax map or take any action relating thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a tax map, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to place Federal Revenue Sharing receipts amounting to \$9,100.00 toward the purchase of T. A. Eaton's one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) interest in the Baldwin Lot or take any action relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$9,000.00 to purchase Highway Equipment. \$3,000.00 to be raised this year and \$6,000.00 to be borrowed for two (2) years, interest to be paid from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for the purpose of installing a proper gasoline dispensing facility for municipal vehicles or take any action relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 for surveying a town boundary or take any action relating thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of increasing the Selectmen's salary \$100 each, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of increasing the Town Clerk's salary, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to celebrate the Nation's Bicentennial, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the maintenance and/ or construction of water holes under the permanent Water Hole Committee direction, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment as voted at the 1972 Town Meeting or take any action relating thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of the police cruiser or take any action relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to go into the Government Surplus Highway Equipment Fund or take any action relating thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to establish the price of cemetery lots to be \$400.00 for a full lot with \$200.00 of that going to perpetual care, or lots can be divided at a cost of \$50.00 for each grave with \$25.00 of that going to perpetual care, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Fund so that the whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year may be placed in this fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year or take any action relating thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to restore the historical name Nutting Hill Road to road now so called Arnold Road. (By Petition)

Article 20. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the Social Security plan service in any class or classes of positions of election officials or election workers for a calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for each service is less than \$50.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Historic District Commission as provided in R.S.A. 31:89, with appointments to be made by the Selectmen or take any action relating thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Government Surplus Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Fund or take any action relating thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration. Such information includes the following resolutions (Summarized):

Resolution A.

The community recognizes that there are flood areas in the community; that federally subsidized flood insurance is available; that Town Meeting intends to evaluate land use in these areas; and that Town Meeting has the authority to enact appropriate land use control measures.

The Town Meeting resolves that assurances be given to the Federal Insurance Administration that the community will enact and enforce necessary land use control measures; that municipal officials and boards will be authorized to deal with the appropriate governmental agencies and private firms; and that elevations of buildings will be recorded when required.

Resolution B-1.

The community recognizes that regulations governing building construction in flood hazard areas have been enacted and are enforced.

The Town Meeting recommends that the Planning Board require all proposals for their approval that are in flood hazard areas be designed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and that the Planning Board require new or replacement water supply/sewage disposal systems be designed to eliminate or minimize flood damage.

Article 24. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be determined by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seal this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

RAYMOND B. PARKER
HAROLD F. ELLIOTT
MICHAEL J. FARREY

A true copy of Warrant — Attest

RAYMOND B. PARKER
HAROLD F. ELLIOTT
MICHAEL J. FARREY

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MASON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976 compared with Estimated and
Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous
January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Est. Revenue 1975	Actual Revenue 1975	Est. Revenue 1976
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,005	\$ 5,000
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,500	3,714	3,800
Savings Bank Tax	500	370	370
State & Federal Forest Land		469	469
Forest Conservation Aid	1,600	2,178	2,200
Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	201	201	211
Gas Tax Subsidy	10,270	10,270	10,203
Duncan-Class V	7,918	7,918	8,953
From Federal Revenue Sharing	9,000	9,898	7,700
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	460	466	470
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	300	1,097	1,000
Rent of Town Hall	20	30	40
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	2,000	1,863	1,800
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,300	9,978	10,000
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	700	548	400
Resident Taxes	2,900	3,420	3,500
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$53,669	\$57,425	\$56,116

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appro. 1975	Actual Expend. 1975	Est. Expend. 1976
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Fees in lieu of Salaries	2,000	2,529	2,700
Town Officers' Expenses	4,600	5,469	5,300
Election & Registration Expenses	250	217	600
Town Hall Expenses	3,500	4,656*	3,500
Employees Retirement & S.S.	2,200	1,618	2,200
Employees Insurance	900	933	1,160
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	14,800	15,463	15,200
Fire Department	3,200	3,200	3,200
Insurance	4,000	4,287	6,800
Planning & Zoning	450	307	300
Legal Expenses	858	937	700
Civil Defense	100	11	100
Communications Service	800	800	800
Health:			
Health Officer	50		50
Souhegan Valley Ambulance D.S.	2,660	2,660	2,696
Town Dump	800	800	800
Highways and Bridges:			
Summer Roads	11,000	11,369	11,000
Winter Roads	14,000	15,436**	14,000
Gas Tax Subsidy	10,270	10,344	10,203
Duncan (Class V Hgy.)	7,918	7,946	8,953
Town Road Aid	812	812***	803
General Highway Expenses	3,500	4,056	4,900
Street Lighting	400	395	425
Library	750	750	750
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	300	164	500
Old Age Assistance	500	174	300
Monadnock Visiting Nurse Assoc.	650	650	779

Memorial Day:	150	150	200
Parks, Playgrounds & Trees	300	261	300
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000	1,000
Mason Youth Corps	1,000	1,000	1,000
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	450	505	450
Regional Commissions & Associations	711	711	816
Interest on Loans	2,500	2,330	2,500
Contingency Fund			1,000
Total Town Expenditures	\$99,179	\$103,740	\$107,785

*Town Hall expenses reimbursed \$600 in January by Hillsborough Manpower Adm.

**Winter Road expenses reimbursed \$1,320 in January by Hillsborough Manpower Adm.

***The State's contribution towards costs of T.R.A. roads in 1975 was \$5,413. In 1976 they will contribute \$5,350.

All proposed 1976 appropriations are approved by the Financial Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land — Improved & Unimproved	\$2,875,568
Buildings	3,551,150
Public Utilities — Electric	443,500
Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers	
Assessed as Personal Property (24)	99,000
Boats & Launches (1)	200
Total Valuations before	
Exemptions Allowed	\$6,969,418
Exemptions — Elderly	27,600
Net Valuation on which	
Tax Rate is Computed	\$6,941,818

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty.	Limits	No.	Est. Tax Credits
	\$600	1	\$600
All other qualified persons	50	61	3,050
Total Number and Amount		62	\$3,650

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1975

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,800 00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,600 00
Fees in Lieu of Salaries	2,000 00
Election & Registration Exp.	250 00
Town Hall Expenses	3,500 00
Social Security & Retirement Contr.	2,200 00
Police Dept.	14,800 00
Fire Dept.	3,200 00
Communications Service	800 00
Insurance	4,900 00
Planning	450 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	858 00
Civil Defense	100 00
Health Dept. (Incl. Ambulance)	2,710 00
Town Dump	800 00
Town Road Maintenance	43,188 00
Street Lighting	400 00
General Hwy. Expenses	3,500 00
Town Road Aid	812 00
Library	750 00
Town Poor	300 00
Old Age Assistance	500 00
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	650 00
Memorial Day	150 00
Parks, Playgrounds, Trees	300 00
Conservation Comm.	1,000 00
Cemeteries	450 00
Mason Youth Corps	1,000 00
Regional Commissions & Assoc.	711 00
Interest on Loans	2,500 00
W.A. No. 6 - Fire Equip. Fund	5,000 00
W.A. No. 7 - Fire Truck Repairs	980 00
W.A. No. 8 - Government Surplus	
Hwy. Equipment Fund	1,000 00

W.A. No. 9 – Police Cruiser Reserve Fund	1,000 00
W.A. No. 10 – Water Hole Committee	250 00
W.A. No. 11 – Surveying of Baldwin Lot	1,000 00
W.A. No. 12 – Appraisal Adjustments	750 00
W.A. No. 18 – Liability Insurance	2,430 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$111,589 00

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,005 00	
Savings Bank Tax	370 00	
Meals & Rooms Tax	3,714 00	
Reimb. a-c State and Federal Lands	469 00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	2,634 00	
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	2,000 00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	300 00	
Dog Licenses	460 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,300 00	
Rent of Town Property	20 00	
Resident Taxes	3,600 00	
Highway Subsidy	18,188 00	
Total Revenues and Credits	<hr/>	46,060 00
Net Town Appropriations (Appropriations Minus Revenues)		<hr/> \$ 65,529 00
Net School Appropriations	164,720 48	
County Tax Assessment	11,223 50	
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Total of Town, School & County		\$241,472 98

Deduct: Business Profits Tax Reimb.	967 00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	3,650 00
Add: Overlay	4,361 10
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Property Taxes to be Raised	\$248,517 08
Less: War Service Tax Credits	3,650 00
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Total Tax Committment	\$244,867 08

Net Property Valuation $\$6,941,818 \times \$3.58 = \$248,517.08$

1975 Tax Rate

Town	\$1.06
County	.16
School	2.36
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	\$3.58

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Over Drafts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	1,800		1,800	1,800		
Fees in lieu of Salaries	2,000		2,000	2,529		529
Town Officers' Expenses	4,600		4,600	5,469		869
Election & Registration	250		250	217	33	
Town Hall Expenses	3,500	240	3,740	4,896		1,156
Employees Retirement & S.S.	2,200	366	2,566	1,984	582	
Employees Insurance	900	275	1,175	1,208		33
Police Dept.	14,800	285	15,085	15,747		662
Fire Dept.	3,200		3,200	3,200		
Insurance	4,000		4,000	4,287		287
Planning	450		450	307	143	
Legal Expenses	858		858	937		79
Civil Defense	100		100	11	89	
Communications Service	800		800	800		
Health Officer	50		50		50	
Souhegan Valley Ambulance D.S.	2,660		2,660	2,660		
Town Dump	800		800	800		

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Over Drafts
Summer Roads	11,000	3,960	14,960	15,329		369
Winter Roads	14,000	2,064	16,064	17,500		1,436
Gas tax Subsidy	10,270		10,270	10,344		74
Duncan (Class V Hwy.)	7,918		7,918	7,946		28
Town Road Aid	812		812	812		
General Hwy. Expenses	3,500	223	3,723	4,279		556
Street Lighting	400		400	395	5	
Library	750		750	750		
Town Poor	300	69	369	233	136	
Old Age Assistance	500		500	174	326	
Monadnock Visiting Nurse Assoc.	650		650	650		
Memorial Day	150		150	150		
Parks & Playgrounds	300		300	261	39	
Conservation Commission	1,000		1,000	1,000		
Mason Youth Corp.	1,000		1,000	1,000		
Cemeteries	450		450	505		55
Regional Assoc.	711		711	711		
Interest on Temp. Loans	2,500		2,500	2,330	170	

W.A. No. 6 — Fire Equipment Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	
W.A. No. 7 — Fire Truck Repairs	980	980	980	
W.A. No. 8 — Surplus Hwy. Equip. Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	
W.A. No. 9 — Police Cruiser Reserve Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	
W.A. No. 10 — Water Hole Committee	250	250	250	
W.A. No. 11 — Survey of Baldwin Lot	1,000	1,000	1,000	
W.A. No. 12 — Appraisal Adjustments	750	750	756	6
W.A. No. 18 — Liability Insurance	2,430	2,430	930	1,500
TOTALS	\$111,589	\$7,482	\$119,071	\$122,137
			\$3,073	\$6,139
				3,073
				\$3,066
			Net Overdraft of Appropriations	

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 52,152 63
Savings Account	4,591 05
Petty Cash and Unremitted Receipts	115 00
Revenue Sharing Fund — (Trust Funds)	7,363 01
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Fire Truck	34 64
Surplus Highway Equipment	3,144 91
Police Cruiser	1,000 00
Tax Map	2,717 17
Town Poor Reimbursements	
Due the Town	88 08
Uncollected Taxes	36,950 36
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Total Assets	\$108,156 85

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 9,932 01
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	91 27
School District Tax	83,720 48
Unremitted payroll deductions	1,237 05
Capital Reserve Funds	6,896 72
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Total Liabilities	\$101,877 53
Surplus	6,279 32
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$108,156 85

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	\$62,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	500 00
Library	
Furniture and Equipment	9,000 00
Police Department	
Equipment	10,500 00
Fire Department	
Equipment	35,000 00
Highway Department	
Equipment	5,500 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$123,500 00

TOWN OWNED LAND

Obtained by Purchase	
22 a. Lucy Lawrence Lot	\$ 1,320 00
Obtained by Gift	
25 a. Coyne Lot	1,500 00
25 a. Beck Lot	1,500 00
Obtained by Tax Sale	
20 a. Robbins Lot	
12 a. Henry Barrett Lot	
5 a. Shattuck Lot	
15 a. Pt. Farwell Farm	
11 a. Hall Lot	
20 a. Jeft Lot	
30 a. Foster Lot	
25 a. Sawtelle Lot	
100 a. Undivided 1/2 interest Baldwin Lot	14,280 00
	<hr/> \$18,600 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1975		\$	00	00
Cash received 1975:				
Dogs — Male 143	\$	286	00	
Female 19		95	00	
Kennel 4		61	00	
Penalties 36		36	00	
	\$	478	00	
Cash on hand		12	00	
				466 00
Auto Registration				
1974	\$	195	06	
1975		9,811	63	
	\$10,006	69		
Cash on hand		28	00	
				9,978 69
Filing Fees				8 00
Paid to Treasurer				\$10,452 69
Petty Cash Account Jan. 1, 1975	\$	78	64	
Paid to Treasurer		28	64	
				50 00
1975 Auto Registration not Deposited				28 00
1975 Dog Licenses not Deposited				12 00
Petty Cash as of December 31, 1975	\$		90	00

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Year Ended December 31, 1975

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1975

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$244,867 08	
Resident Taxes	3,590 00	
Total Warrants	<u> </u>	\$248,457 08
Yield Taxes		547 61

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	\$ 10 00	
	<u> </u>	10 00

Overpayments During Year:

a-c Property Taxes	\$ 24 50	
	<u> </u>	24 50

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes		39 86
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Penalties Collected

on Resident Taxes		6 00
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Total Debits		<u> </u> \$249,085 05
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$205,805 07	
Resident Taxes	2,650 00	
Yield Taxes	547 61	
Interest Collected	39 86	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$209,048 54

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,066 15	
Resident Taxes	20 00	
	<u> </u>	3,086 15

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 36,020 36	
Resident Taxes	930 00	
	<hr/>	36,950 36

Total Credits		\$249,085 05
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1974

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 30,599 81	
Resident Taxes	880 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 31,479 81

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	\$ 30 00	
	<hr/>	30 00

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	938 85	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	74 00	
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Total Debits		\$ 32,522 66
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 30,545 14	
Resident Taxes	770 00	
Interest Collected During Year	938 85	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	74 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 32,327 99

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 54 67	
Resident Taxes	140 00	
	<hr/>	194 67

Total Credits		\$ 32,522 66
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1973

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$	44 95			
			\$	44 95	

Total Debit			\$	44 95	
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$	29 96			
			\$	29 96	

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$	14 99			
				14 99	

Total Credits			\$	44 95	
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SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
 Boston and Maine R.R Property Taxes
 Levies of 1970, 1971, 1972

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1975:

Levy of 1970	\$45 00
1971	63 00
1972	38 28

Total Debits	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></div> \$146 28
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year
 Ended Dec. 31, 1975:

Levy of 1970	\$30 00
1971	41 99
1972	25 52

97 51

Abatements Made During Year:

Levy of 1970	\$15 00
1971	21 01
1972	12 76

48 77

Total Credits	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></div> \$146 28
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LINDA J. ROUSSEAU, Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand January 1, 1975	\$ 46,054 95
Cash Rec'd. from Town Clerk	10,452 69
Cash Rec'd. from Tax Collector	241,504 00
Cash Rec'd. from Selectmen	145,502 22
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Total Cash Available 1975	\$443,513 86
Selectmen's Orders Paid	391,376 14
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	\$ 52,137 72
Check Credit	14 91
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Balance Cash on Hand December 31, 1975	\$ 52,152 63
Savings Account as of January 1, 1975	\$ 794 36
Deposits During Year:	
Revenue Sharing	\$2,442 00
" "	2,442 00
" "	2,569 00
Conservation Comm.	874 32
" "	989 00
Andy's Summer Playhouse	100 00
Gov. Crime Comm. Grant	1,057 00
Interest Earned	96 05
Total deposits and interest	----- \$ 10,569 37
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Total in Savings Account	\$ 11,363 73
Withdrawals During Year:	
Revenue Sharing	\$5,715 68
Gov. Crime Comm. Grant	1,057 00
Total Withdrawals	----- \$ 6,772 68
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Balance as of December 31, 1975	
Conservation Comm.	\$1,863 32
Andy's Summer Playhouse	100 00
Revenue Sharing	2,569 00
Interest	58 73
	----- \$ 4,591 05

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN, Town Treasurer

RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES **For the Year Ended December 31, 1975**

RECEIPTS

Cash in the bank and on hand Jan. 1, 1975		\$ 46,055
Property Taxes (1975)	\$205,805	
Resident Taxes (1975)	2,650	
Yield Taxes (1975)	548	
Property & Yield Taxes (Previous Years)	30,673	
Resident Taxes (Previous Year)	770	
Interest & Penalties	1,058	
FROM LOCAL TAXES	-----	241,504
FROM STATE		31,886
From Local Sources (except taxes)	\$ 12,376	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	90,000	
Refunds	413	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	275	
Sale of Town Property	637	
Revenue Sharing	12,615	
Interest Earned on Revenue Sharing Funds	34	
Governor's Crime Comm. Grant	1,057	
Hillsborough Manpower Development Administration	6,906	
FROM OTHER SOURCES	-----	124,313
TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED		\$443,758

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 15,667	
Protection of Persons & Property	27,262	
Health	4,110	
Highways & Bridges	57,390	
Library	750	
Public Welfare	407	
Recreation & Patriotic	411	
Public Service Enterprises	1,755	
Unclassified	5,988	
TOTAL CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	-----	113,740

Debt Service	97,330
Capital Outlay	17,776
Other Governmental Divisions	162,759
Cash in bank and on hand Dec. 31, 1975	52,153
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	\$443,758

Summary of Town Officers' Salaries

Selectmen	\$ 1,100
Town Clerk	300
Treasurer	400
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	\$ 1,800

Summary of Fees in Lieu of Salaries

Tax Collector	\$ 1,311
Town Clerk	687
Building Inspector	531
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	\$ 2,529

Summary of Town Officers' Expenses

Clerical	\$ 1,750
Town Reports	813
Postage	245
Auditor	100
Mileage & Telephone	859
Town Clerk Convention	95
Association Dues	30
Advertisements	126
Supplies	456
Misc.	429
Typewriter	297
Calculator	269
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	\$ 5,469

Summary of Town Hall Expenses

Janitor	\$ 1,047
Labor	600
Supplies	259
Oil	943

Electricity	417
Furnace Repairs	142
Fire Extinguisher Service	60
Septic System Repairs	25
Materials for Repairs	1,163

\$ 4,656

Summary of Police Dept. Expenses

Police Chief's Salary	\$10,400
Officers' Wages	1,940
Gas	1,156
Cruiser Maintenance	790
Radio and Repairs	438
Misc.	300
Telephone Exp. and Supplies	439

\$15,463

Summary of General Highway Expenses

Gas	\$ 1,356
Maintenance Parts	1,040
Chainsaw	198
Equipment Repairs	683
Welding	220
Supplies	559

\$ 4,056

**SUMMARY OF
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**

DEBITS

Funds Available as of January 1, 1975	\$ 2,602 36
Payments Received in 1975	9,898 00
Interest Earned	499 87
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Total Funds	\$13,000 23

CREDITS

Funds Transferred to Tax Map	
Reserve Fund	\$ 2,717 17
Balance of Unexpended Funds	10,283 06
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	\$13,000 23

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the officers of the Town for the year 1975. My examination indicates that all receipts and expenditures have been accounted for and that the various reports will show a true statement of all financial transactions of the Town for 1975.

CEDRIC VALENTINE, Town Auditor

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I shall begin my report by saying thank you first of all to the many citizens who have helped us during this year. Also to the Mason Volunteer Fire Dept. for the use of their area and equipment, and a special thanks to Don Armington for, first of all maintaining a communications base from his home during our all night plowing escapades, and also for the use of the Youth Corps who gave us many hours of assistance.

Tar Roads

There are nearly 15 miles of town tar roads that we are responsible for. This year we sealed about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, we plan to seal approximately 3 miles each year so that each tar road gets oiled every 5 years. With the Townsend Rd. now complete we shall put both the TRA and Duncan Funds back into improving the Brookline Rd.

Gravel Roads

We added a great deal of new gravel to all the gravel roads in town. This is very important as far as bringing our gravel roads back into shape. Each year through usage gravel is lost so we plan to replace this loss and gain on the base amount. Just about all the gravel roads were graded twice this year and in order for the grader to do a quality job he must have gravel to work with. Hopefully, in a few years our gravel roads will all have decent shoulders for drainage.

The spring thaw took its toll on us this year by damaging the Withee Brook bridge so badly that it had to be replaced and by also causing a heavy washout on the Pratt Pond Road.

General Comments

Did you know that there are over 260 culverts on our town roads? We have studied and recorded detailed in-

formation on each of these and have established a maintenance program to keep them working properly.

We also mowed a great many of our roads this year, brushed out several intersections, and cut back limbs and thinned out trees on about 3 miles of roads.

As the usage of our town roads continues to increase, the budget must increase along with it just to keep up with the demand.

CURTIS M. DUNN, Road Agent

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1975

Boynton School Fund

Cash and Treasury Note on Hand Jan. 1, 1975		\$12,414.04
Interest Received	\$ 987.41	
Interest Paid to Mascenic School	(1,343.00)	
Cash and Treasury Note on Hand, Dec. 31, 1975	—————	\$12,058.45

Stearns Common School Fund

Cash and Treasury Note on Hand Jan. 1, 1975		\$11,358.51
Interest Received	\$ 937.88	
Interest Paid to Mascenic School	(800.00)	
Cash and Treasury Note on Hand, Dec. 31, 1975	—————	\$11,496.39

Cemetery Fund (Perpetual Care)

Cash and Treasury Note on Hand Jan. 1, 1975		\$15,947.54
New Funds	\$ 900.00	
Interest Received	1,323.58	
Maintenance Payments	(750.00)	
Cash and Treasury Note on Hand, December 31, 1975	—————	\$17,421.12

Library and Town Office Building Fund

Cash and Treasury Note on Hand Jan. 1, 1975		\$ 5,323.43
New Funds	\$ 550.00	
Interest Received	469.62	
Cash and Treasury Note on Hand, December 31, 1975	—————	\$ 6,343.05

Cemetery Land Purchase Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 1975		\$ 1,146.56
New Funds	\$ 150.00	
Interest Received	67.10	
Cash and Certificate on Hand, December 31, 1975	—————	\$ 1,363 66

Capital Reserve Funds

Revenue Sharing Trust

Received from Town of Mason, Deposited Savings Account 9944	\$ 797.67	
Received from Town of Mason: \$1,919.50 — \$4,918.01 — \$2,445.00		

Converted to Certificate of Deposit at 6½%	9,282.51	
Interest Received	332.93	
Paid to Town of Mason	(78.00)	
Cash and Certificate on Hand, December 31, 1975	—————	\$10,335.11

Highway Equipment

Cash on Hand January 1, 1975		\$ 2,222.35
New Funds	\$1,000.00	
Interest Received	119.72	
Paid to Town of Mason	(197.16)	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1975	—————	\$ 3,144.91

Fire Truck

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1975		\$ 32.88
Interest Received	1.76	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1975	—————	\$ 34.64

Police Cruiser

New Fund, converted to Certificate No. 459	\$1,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit No. 459, on Hand December 31, 1975	—————	\$ 1,000.00
Total Cash, Treasury Notes and Certificates on Hand, December 31, 1975		\$63,197.33

SUMMARY

	Treasury Notes @ 8¾%	Certifi- cates of Deposit @ 6½%	Savings Accounts @ 5¼%	Accum. Interest	Total
Boynton School	\$11,000.00	\$	\$ 1,058.45	\$	\$12,058.45
Stearns School	10,500.00		996.39		11,496.39
Cemetery-Perpetual Care	13,500.00		3,921.12		17,421.12
Library & Town Office Bldg.	5,000.00		1,343.05		6,343.05
Cemetery Land Purchase		1,000.00	321.67	41.99	1,363.66
Revenue Sharing Trust		9,282.51	759.16	293.44	10,335.11
Police Cruiser		1,000.00			1,000.00
Fire Equipment			34.64		34.64
Highway Equipment			3,144.91		3,144.91
Total	\$40,000.00	\$11,282.51	\$11,579.39	\$335.43	\$63,197.33

Respectfully submitted,
 Trustees of Trust Funds
 JAMES A. ROWSE
 ROBERT G. MARSHALL
 BOWMAN F. STONE

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1975	\$ 309 24
Received from Trust Fund (Perpetual Care)	750 00
Received from Sale of Lots	150 00
Received for Perpetual Care	1,100 00
Received — Interest	17 08
Total	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> <div>\$2,326 32</div> </div>
Payments:	
Trustee of Trust Funds (Perpetual Care)	\$1,100 00
Trustee of Trust Funds (Lot Fund)	150 00
Maintenance — Perpetual Care	892 46
Miscellaneous Expenses	3 90
Total Payments	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> <div>\$2,146 36</div> </div>
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> <div>\$ 179 96</div> </div>

At the 1973 Town Meeting the sum of \$300.00 was appropriated to repair the vault roof and to do the necessary tree work at Pleasant View Cemetery. This \$300.00 was spent as follows:

Necessary tree work	\$ 293 20
Vault Roof	6 80
Total	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;"> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100px;"></div> <div>\$ 300 00</div> </div>

Respectfully submitted

DONALD A. ARMINGTON
EDITH M. MARSHALL
FRANK NEWELL

LIBRARY REPORT

The delivery service of the Hillstown Cooperative was most successful in 1975. We were able to borrow about 50 books from various town and school libraries, and we were delighted to be able to lend a few of our books to other libraries. In order to keep the cost low, the delivery will probably be on an every-other-week basis in 1976, but books needed sooner can be mailed to us.

The meetings and workshops of the Cooperative have given us valuable library instruction and have allowed us to purchase new books at discount prices.

The Children's Reading Club, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Parker, had a very successful summer program. A beautiful clown poster was made by Ms. Nancy McNally of Mascenic Regional School, and nine children read and reported on their books and put about 80 polka dots on the clown's costume. We thank Ms. McNally very much for making the poster, and we hope to add many more polka dots to the costume next summer. Each child who completed the program received a certificate and a book from Mrs. Parker.

Our circulation is rising, and we are most grateful to Mrs. Elsie Boyle, who spends many hours repairing books, entering and marking new books, helping us out during library hours and giving us advice on library procedures. We also thank Mrs. Esther Spalding and Mrs. Anne Fifield for helping us whenever the trustees are unable to be at the library. This has made it possible for us to keep the library open three days a week, for a total of 11 hours.

Mrs. Janet Stevens resigned as trustee in April 1975 and was appointed librarian. Mrs. Barbara Cumback was appointed to replace her on the Board of Trustees.

Gifts of books have been most generous this year and our heartfelt thanks go to Elizabeth Orton Jones, the Harold Elliotts, the Henry Abbotts, the Charles Cratherns, J. Almus Russell, the Dimmitt family and to Captain and Mrs. Robert Polk.

The parents of the classmates of Eddie Moore, and his

teacher, Mrs. Ivan Johnson, have given a new set of the C. W. Anderson books in memory of Eddie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowse, Bob Rogers and the Conservation Commission have given us subscriptions to Highlights, Yankee and Ranger Rick magazines, and our thanks go to them. A grand total of 272 books was added to the library shelves in 1975.

We are grateful to the friends who volunteer to help in emergencies and to those who give us advice and encouragement.

Last but not least, we thank Don Armington and his youth group for keeping the path to the library door clear of leaves and snow.

JOANNE PARKER
BARBARA CUMBACK
LILLIAS JOHNSON
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Income	
Town Appropriation	\$750 00
Gifts	31 00
Miscellaneous	4 95
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Total Income	\$844 38

Expenses	
Fuel & Maintenance	\$295 95
Books & Magazines	137 90
Library Supplies	86 35
Dues	9 00
Miscellaneous	25 00
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Total Expenses	554 20
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Balance on Hand	\$290 18

(Balance to be spent for books and bookshelves on order.)

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA CUMBACK
LILLIAS JOHNSON
JOANNE PARKER
Trustees

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the year 1975 the New Hampshire Crime Commission and the Federal Government matched funds with the Town of Mason for the purchase of a second portable radio.

During the year Kenneth Tibbetts who had been with us since 1969 resigned from the department.

Peter Dimmitt, a resident of several years replaced Kenneth Tibbetts in the department.

ACTIVITY REPORT 1975

Motor vehicle accident	24
Break & Entry & Larceny	9
Break & Entry	3
Larceny of property	3
Property recovered	11
Animal complaint	52
Complaints received (other)	123
Missing persons	10
School problems	5
Juvenile problems	24
Assist to other Towns and State	22
Assist to disabled vehicles	7
Emergency hospital trips	5
Assist on ambulance calls	5
Fire calls	11
Special details	15
Stolen vehicles	1
Stolen vehicles recovered	9
Summons & Warrants issued	16
Court cases	86
House of Correction	4
Dog restraining orders	6
Domestic problems	23
Malicious damage	7
VIN checks	14
Resuscitator calls	3
Breathalyzer tests	8

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Chief — Fred S. Gilson

Sergeant — John D. Paron, Sr.

Sergeant — Ronald LaPointe

Patrolman — Peter Dimmitt

FRED S. GILSON, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE MASON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — 1975

The Department still gets a few calls from citizens whose insurance companies have not yet caught up with the insurance rate reduction which was given due to Fire Department improvements. We hope that by the time this report is issued these discrepancies may be straightened out. Also, we have consummated a pact with the town of Greenville for coverage of the Arnold Road section which will give a rate reduction in that area.

During the year Engine 1 was fairly well reconditioned which should allow us to get a few years more of service from it.

The Youth Corps with its leader Don Armington finished installing paneling on the second floor walls of the station.

Due to the economic situation the Department decided not to issue coin saver cards during 1975 but we will have to do so in 1976.

Department members attended Fire Schools at Lily Pond and Fitzwilliam, and participated in combined Mutual Aid drills. Approximately 34 Departmental drills were run during the year.

We wish to thank our neighboring towns for Mutual Aid assistance during the year.

Activity Report 1975

Public buildings inspected	4
Private buildings inspected	
(by owner's request)	5
Oil burners inspected	8
Oil burners reinspected	4
Structural fires	6
Car fires	5
Special service calls	5
Smoke investigation	11
Mutual Aid given	3
False alarms	2
Respectfully submitted,	

ALWIN E. HODSON, Fire Chief

Fire Warden's Report

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forest and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	143	88
Town	2	1/2

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Fire Chief
ALWIN E. HODSON, JR., Forest Fire Warden

MASON CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

Annual Report — 1975

Continued effort is being expended on bringing the Emergency Program Papers up to date. As soon as all annexes are compiled, they will be forwarded to the chiefs of each annex so that names of volunteer helpers can be made current.

The emergency horn, located at the MVFD, remains in a status quo for the lack of parts. At the present time it may be operated manually, however, until certain equipment is located, complete automation of the horn is a project for 1976. This is a combined MVFD and CD project.

Civil Defense program papers for 1975 were reviewed and accepted by the State Civil Defense Agency.

State sponsored civil defense meeting was held in October for individual town CD directors. The meeting took place at the National Guard Armory in Milford. Subject matter consisted mainly of ways and means CD directors may better analyze the strength of their overall CD programs.

Assistance has been requested from the State Civil Defense Agency relative to developing a complete school disaster plan.

CLIFTON W. HASTINGS, Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board, understandably, spent more time on Subdivision activity this year than ever before. There were thirteen minor Subdivisions approved, each requiring a preliminary meeting, publication, public hearing, etc. There were others submitted in addition, but not completed.

We continue to meet the last Thursday of each month with a few substituted dates and some interim meetings for a total of eighteen meetings.

At the suggestion of the Board of Adjustment, as well as several individuals, we were prompted to review and consider some changes in the Planning Ordinance. To better determine what was wanted and to obtain the thinking of more people, an informal public hearing was held on July 10, 1975 to discuss whether a commercial zone was needed. The results of this hearing weren't too decisive in view of the number attending. And so, in order to obtain more information and on a broader scope, the Board is presently in the process of gathering returns of a survey form distributed in December. These will have to be tabulated, interpreted, and conclusions made.

Some thought and discussion has been expended on the Federal Flood Program which has been explained briefly in the January edition of the Grapevine and will be further developed by way of a public hearing.

Personnel changes have consisted of Michael Farrey succeeding Harold Elliott as ex-officio with David Baker replacing Mr. Farrey as a regular member. During 1975 we also added as alternates Robert Wilson and Kenneth Wilson.

We cannot complete this report without expressing our thanks and appreciation to those who attended our hearings and completed our survey; to the Grapevine for its assistance generally and in connection with the survey specifically; and as in past years, to the Southwest New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL C. STEVENS, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Covering Projected Items of Expenditure for 1976

The Committee met with the Selectmen and the various Department Heads during January to consider proposed Budgets for 1976.

Items which changed materially and required consideration are commented on below:

1) An increase of \$300.00 in Selectmen's salaries is APPROVED. The Selectmen will resume their duties as Assessors thereby eliminating the \$755.00 charged by the State for appraisal adjustments.

2) An increase of \$100.00 in the Town Clerk's salary is APPROVED. The new "Birthday" date for automobile registrations requires continuing availability and in many cases two applications during the changeover period.

3) The \$700.00 additional for Town Officers Expenses is APPROVED. A Town office phone is planned at an added cost of \$250.00 The balance consists of added clerical expense and increased cost of printing the Town Report.

4) Election and Registration expenses will amount to a minimum of \$600.00 This is a heavy duty election year. We therefore APPROVE the increase of \$350.00.

5) A \$400.00 increase in the cost of Police protection is APPROVED in order to cover added traffic duties during the proposed Bicentennial festivities and to take care of necessary cruiser repairs during this extended year of cruiser operation.

6) The estimated Insurance Premium for 1976 was \$5,537.00 but after a careful survey by a member of our Committee well versed in such matters (who by the way has no interest whatever in writing the Town's coverage) we found a figure of \$6,800.00 to be necessary. The \$2,800.00 increase over the \$4,000.00 voted last year covers increased values, new insurance, higher payrolls and projected increases in rates on renewals.

Among the items increased to eliminate Co-Insurance problems are the Town Hall, the Fire House, and the Library contents. The "Floater" policy was increased, doubling the

value of Fire Equipment unattached to vehicles. Two Portable Police Radios were added to this policy. The Automobile Policy was endorsed to cover two (2) Mobile Radio Units in the Cruiser not previously included. The Police Professional Policy was extended to cover the men in Performance of Duty. The Workmens Compensation audit showed a considerable increase over the amount estimated earlier. Although other coverage such as a Million Dollar Umbrella and further Public Official coverage was desirable, the added premiums forced us to delay consideration of these items until next year.

It should be noted here that the increase in premium on the Fire House itself will be billed directly to the Fire Department and is not included in our projection for 1976.

7) There is a request to increase the General Highway Expense item by \$1,400.00. This is a substantial increase. It is, however, made up of increased gas and oil costs of \$500.00 and the necessity of buying 10 new tires for the sanding truck at \$100.00 each. These two items alone represent the increase. It is hoped that a chain saw, stone forks and other hand tools can come out of the basic budget. Higher costs for cutting edges, signs and posts and truck repairs are also being absorbed. This increase is therefore APPROVED.

8) It is necessary to provide \$500.00 in order to take care of the Town Poor. Proceeds from private trust funds are somewhat reduced for 1976. This increase of \$200.00 is APPROVED.

9) The \$816.00 item under Regional Committees and Associations represents a combination of the amounts billed to the Town by the N. H. Municipal Association, Monadnock Regional Association and the Southwest Regional Planning Commission. The figure is APPROVED.

10) A new "Contingency" item of \$1,000.00 has been requested by the Selectmen to take care of any unforeseen emergency situations. This is APPROVED as a legitimate means of obtaining funds to cover such conditions.

Warrant Articles

As of this writing we comment on the proposed Warrant Articles.

1) We approve a group of recurring items such as \$1,000 for the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, \$1,000.00 for the Police Cruiser Reserve Fund, \$5,000.00 to meet the Principal Obligation on the Fire Truck Loan and \$250.00 for new and improved Water Holes.

2) We strongly urge the Townspeople to clarify the vote taken a year ago and allocate \$8,300.00 of the 1975 Revenue Sharing receipts to the Capital Reserve, Revenue Sharing Trust Tax Map Fund.

3) The Town is in a position where it should be ready with an area in the event we are obliged to handle our own waste disposal problems independent of surrounding towns. After considerable study the Baldwin lot seems to be our only possibility. The lot is also a source of gravel and if we find other means of waste disposal it has advantages for Conservation or future Town Water purposes. We urge the Town to buy T. A. Eaton's one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) interest using \$9,100.00 from Revenue Sharing receipts for this purpose.

4) The Town is in urgent need of a bulk gasoline facility for its municipal vehicles. A 5,000 gallon tank installation at a cost of \$1,750.00 capable of taking as much as a 4,000 gallon drop at Transport prices is planned. A 4 way Key-Trol pump would allow for one only of the four (4) different keys available to be distributed to department heads for registering the gallons used by each.

5) We feel that the Town can use a Dump Truck to great advantage. An opportunity presents itself to purchase a low mileage, good condition 1974 F750 Ford Dump Truck for \$9,000.00. Payments would be spread over a three (3) year period.

6) A Tax Map for Mason is required by law. Several adjoining towns are well along on theirs. It is a practical impossibility without the services of a qualified civil engineer or surveyor. Financed by \$11,000.00 from Revenue Sharing

Funds and a Town appropriation of \$4,000.00 it should be completed during 1976.

7) \$1,000.00 requested by the Bicentennial Commission gives them something to work with during this last year of our Nation's bicentennial. They plan to generate income from the various events planned. Any unused portion will transfer to the Town Surplus account at year end. We approve this means of financing the Commission.

8) The Committee is in favor of appropriating \$1,250.00 to match a similar amount being requested of Greenville voters to survey the line dividing The Southern border of Greenville and Mason. The location of the "Moore" house must be established as well as other parcels of land along the boundary.

Concluding Statement

The Committee has entered into full and complete discussions with all Department Heads concerning their proposed requirements for 1976. We have reviewed and revised several of the so called Line Items and have carefully considered all Money Articles in the Warrant. We have met with the Selectmen on three different occasions, with their Secretary on several more and we have had three separate discussions with the School Principals. We requested and obtained a copy of the 1976-1977 School Budget and met to discuss the School Committee proposal well in advance of the hearing which we attended on February 2nd.

We prepared projected 1976 Tax Rate figures for our Committee to study during our deliberations.

Unless a very real attempt is made to reduce the proposed School Budget our tax rate will climb to an alarming new high.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. ROWSE
IRENE SMITH
PAUL C. STEVENS
ROBERT D. WILSON
DONALD A. ARMINGTON
Financial Advisory Committee

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been thirty (30) building permits issued during 1975. They were issued for the following and the total of the owners valuation is listed.

(9) Permanent Dwelling	\$196,500 00
(8) Additions to Homes	34,750 00
(1) Barn converted to Dwelling	2,000 00
(2) Garages (attached to House)	5,450 00
(2) Garages	3,375 00
(1) Barn (attached to House)	4,000 00
(5) Barns	18,500 00
(1) Septic system	1,900 00
(1) Town Hall renovation	

	\$266,475 00

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH B. WILSON
Building Inspector,
Town of Mason, N. H.

REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS OF MASON, N. H.

1975 Summer Program

1975-1976 In School Program

The Mason Neighborhood Youth Corps is a part of the C.E.T.A. program, Hillsborough Human Development, Inc., under the County Commissioners. It operates under the guidance of Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., and is a youth experience program covering a wide range of subjects.

The members have worked on the roads under the direction of C. M. Dunn, Road Agent, and at Mascenic School under Leo Alix, custodian. Under the direction of the Youth Corps supervisor the Corps has painted all of the second floor of the Town Hall and the town sheds behind the church. It annually repairs and paints the Mason School playground equipment and trims the English Ivy and shrubs around the school. The Corps opens the well for the plumber when necessary and cleans the commons for summer care by Ray Akerman. At the fire station they've installed 3,200 sq. feet of 4' \times 8' \times 1/2" sheets of gypsumboard and 1480 sq. feet of pre-finished paneling. The Corps operated 52 weeks in 1975 and expects to operate 50 weeks in 1976.

The Youth Corps wishes to thank Road Agent Curtis M. Dunn, Mascenic School Custodian Leo Alix, Counselor Mrs. Josephine Steckevicz, Board of Selectmen, and all of the townspeople who have co-operated to make this program a success.

DONALD A. ARMINGTON, Supervisor

ANNUAL REPORT SOUHEGAN VALLEY AMBULANCE DISTRICT SERVICE

As of December 1975, the Souhegan Valley Ambulance District Service will have completed almost three and one half years of service to the communities. During this period the Service has continually been upgraded, and in the forthcoming years a continuing effort will be made to improve the service even more.

For the year 1976 the towns have been asked to appropriate the sum of \$4.50 per capita again. This represents no increase over 1975 but will allow the Service to replace one ambulance and to update portions of its equipment. It will also allow for the purchase of new equipment.

During 1975 the Service answered 133 calls. This represents a 19% increase over 1974. The calls per town are as follows: Greenville 43; Mason 11; New Ipswich 51; Temple 14; miscellaneous 14.

We wish to thank all the services involved, especially Nelson's answering service, and all the volunteer drivers and attendants, and everyone else who has helped during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BRODERICK, Jr.
JANET ANDREWS
DAVID WHEELER
JAMES ALBREE
GARY LaFRENIERE

**Souhegan Valley Ambulance District Service
PROPOSED BUDGET**

	1975 Projected Budget	Actual	1976 Projected Budget
Ambulance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,522.14	\$11,500.00
Ambulance Supplies	1,000.00	808.28	1,100.00
Office Supplies	300.00	139.10	400.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,317.00	2,400.00
Licensing & Training	675.00	192.00	800.00
Clerical Work	700.00	435.50	700.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	740.80	1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,800.00	2,872.77	2,800.00
Registration	200.00	135.80	200.00
Radios & Repairs	2,000.00	3,516.00	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$20,675.00	<hr/> \$18,679.39	<hr/> \$21,900.00

MASON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report (1975)

The Francis J. Coyne Wildlife Sanctuary survey has been completed and registered. Special thanks go to the following: (1) the Ford Foundation for funding the survey; (2) Mr. Albert Schall, surveyor from Peterboro, who completed the survey for much less than its actual cost; (3) Mrs. Janet Stevens and Mrs. Charlotte Hastings, for making numerous trips to the Register of Deeds for purposes of compiling information relative to the survey.

Mrs. Ann Preston replaced Mrs. Janet Stevens whose term on the Commission had expired. Our thanks to Mrs. Stevens for volunteering any future aid she can give us when requested.

Mason Clean-up Day was held on May 10th. The turnout for this yearly event was very good. Thanks to those who volunteered their trucks and/or time, and special thanks to the many young people who worked hard and walked many miles to make Mason's roadsides clean.

Ranger Rick magazine, published by the National Wildlife Federation, was renewed for another 3 years. This magazine may be found in the Mason Library.

Two young people were sponsored for one week at the State Conservation Camp at Bearbrook State Park in Allentown. They made a verbal report to the commission and to the selectmen relative to their camping experience. In general they were pleased for having the opportunity to go, however, they agreed that the food needed some help.

The entire Conservation Commission fund was released to the town treasurer. This became necessary due to a technicality of N.H. laws relative to individual commission funds.

Eight new trees were planted on the commons in Mason Center. One will be replaced by the nursery as it has a defect. Our thanks to Eric Hastings for drawing the out-

line of Mason Center for purpose of placing the trees, to Florence Roberts for selecting and obtaining the trees, to Harold Elliott for providing the necessary transportation, and to the Mason Youth Corps for planting the trees. Verbal comments heard thus far would indicate that everybody is pleased with this program.

Future plans of the commission are (1) finalize the tree program with eight additional trees, (2) locate a good recreational area, (3) possibility of a skating rink behind the school.

CLIFTON W. HASTINGS, Chairman

MEMORIAL DAY — 1975

Memorial Day in Mason was bright and sunny. Our school children, under leadership of Mrs. Frost and her teachers portrayed the early history of Mason and the part it played in events leading the Revolution.

Following that, the American Legion Band led the parade to Prospect Hill Cemetery where, after a prayer by Rev. Barker, the flag was raised to full mast and a final salute to those no longer with us was given by the V.F.W. Firing Squad. One hundred flags had been placed on all vets' graves.

Returning to the soldiers monument on the common, Charles Babb, Spanish War Vet, placed a wreath and taps were sounded.

Capt. Robert Polk, the Marshall, introduced Commander Robert Whitaker, our State Highway Commissioner, who gave us a most interesting talk on Mason's history, people, and places that he had known so well as a schoolboy in town.

We want to thank again the Milford V.F.W. color guard and firing squad, the American Legion Band of Fitchburg under George Talcott, the American Legion Post from Lunenburg, Capt. Polk, our Marshall, C.W.O. Cliff Hastings, parade adjutant, Charles Babb, our Spanish War Vet, our school children, and all 'vets' who were with us.

Memorial Day Committee

TOWN MEETING — MARCH 4, 1975

Meeting called to order by Moderator William Clark at 2:00 P.M. Warrant read. Polls declared open. Voting. Polls closed 7:00. Votes counted. Total votes 218 — results announced: Selectman, 3 years, Michael Farrey; Clerk, 3 years, Charles Crathern; Tax Collector, 3 years, Linda Rousseau; Treasurer, 3 years, Charles Crathern.

Meeting called to order 7:45. Warrant articles read.

Article 1. Clerk cast one ballot for the following town officers as instructed. Auditor, 1 year, Isabelle Anderson; Library Trustee, 3 years, Lillias Johnson; Trust Funds, 3 years, Bowman Stone; Cemetery Trustee, Edith Marshall.

Article 2. Moved and seconded to raise \$99,179 for town budget 1975. Discussion followed on payment of fees, police increase, planning and zoning, street lighting, and road increases, summer 5%, winter 3%, general highway expenses 15%. Question was moved, passed and budget of \$99,179 voted.

Article 3. Selectmen and Treasurer were authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. An amendment to appropriate \$3,020 defeated. After a motion to table Article No. 4 was defeated, it was passed affirmatively.

Article 5. Moved that town note of \$5,000 covering purchase of fire engine be paid. Passed.

Article 6. Voted \$980 for emergency repairs to fire engine No. 1.

Article 7. \$1,000 placed in Government Surplus Highway Fund by affirmative vote.

Article 8. To table article defeated — Voted \$1,000 to Capital Reserve Fund for police cruiser.

Article 9. Voted \$250 for water holes construction and maintenance.

Article 10. Survey of Baldwin Lot to be shared. Appropriated \$1,000 for solid waste disposal site investigation.

Article 11. \$750 voted for state appraisers 1975 tax adjustments.

Article 12. Motion to table lost. "Capital Reserve Cemetery Land Purchase Fund" established by vote absorbing present Cemetery Lot Fund.

Article 13. Not voted — \$200 for Reserve Cemetery Land Purchase Fund.

Article 14. Amended to disband any and all committees previously formed for this purpose, to delete "Ex-Officio" and insert "for other town uses". Passed as amended. Committee of 5, stag-

gered terms, one each from Library, Financial Advisory, Planning Board, Trust Funds and Selectmen.

Article 15. Municipal Budget Law for Mason defeated.

Article 16. Patriotism fell by the wayside. \$60 was voted down for the 200th anniversary of our United States of America.

Article 17. \$930 was voted for a comprehensive general liability insurance policy and the Selectmen were authorized to provide the necessary insurance up to and including the sum of \$1,500 to protect itself against suits the Town no longer is immune from as of July 1975, R.S.A. 31:105 & 6.

A true copy of Town Meeting Action.

C. F. H. CRATHERN, Clerk

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION MEETING

September 16, 1975

1. To bring in your vote for the vacancy in the office of U. S. Senator from the State of N. H.

(Marie McCaffery had been appointed Moderator by the Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of town clerk)

Warrant read — Polls declared open 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Voting followed

Polls closed at 7:00 P.M. Votes counted

Total votes cast 209. Check List voters 365

Republican Wyman 112 Demo. Durkin 82 Chimento 15

Meeting adjourned 7:45

CHARLES F. H. CRATHERN, Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Married by</i>
Feb. 14	Bruce Edward Pollock	Leominster, MA	Rev. Robert Busty
	Joan Eline Rich	Leominster, MA	Mason
Apr. 26	Ralph Arthur Leach	Mason, NH	Rev. E. J. Godden
	Anne Marie Rita Piche	Mason, NH	Rindge
June 20	Paul Burnett Knisley	Tyngsborough, MA	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Diane Lorraine Connolly	Mason, NH	Mason
June 28	William Henry Ravellette, Jr.	Mason, NH	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Diane Louise Anderson	Townsend, MA	Mason
July 12	Norman Ernest Moore, Jr.	Mason, NH	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Laura Lee Wessells	Mason, NH	Mason
July 19	Arthur Odilon Letourneau	Lunenburg, MA	C. F. H. Crathern
	Marilyn Ann Daniels	Lunenburg, MA	J. P. - Mason
Aug. 16	Dana Walter Washburn	Mason, NH	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Donna Lee Smith	Wilton, NH	Mason
Aug. 23	Mark Dale Preston	Groton, MA	Rev. Thomas Barker
	Ann Holbrook Carnegie	Mason, NH	Mason
Oct. 4	Thomas Peter Fallon	Buffalo, NY	Rev. T. C. Day
	Edith Hartley Rowse	Mason, NH	Mason
Oct. 11	John Metcalfe Nevison	Hanover, NH	Rev. Park Dickerson
	Nancy Ross McJennett	Mason, NH	Hanover
Oct. 12	Alden Clifford Carpenter	Holden, MA	C. F. H. Crathern
	Patricia Claire Ridley	Fitchburg, MA	J. P. - Mason
Oct. 18	Bruce Elliot Porell	Sturbridge, MA	Rev. John Sonell
	Linda Jean Yorton	Sturbridge, MA	Mason
Oct. 28	Ralph Anthony Perez	Leominster, MA	C. F. H. Crathern
	Linda Jean Rumrill	Fitchburg, MA	J. P. - Mason
Dec. 13	James Richard Yeaman	Fitchburg, MA	C. F. H. Crathern
	Denise Eve Olinder	Lunenburg, MA	J. P. - Mason

Births Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
Feb. 7	Robin Patricia	Victor Robert Bass
		Maureen Bridget Blake
Aug. 25	Michael Joseph	Bruce Warren Berry
		Robin Lester Harvey
Aug. 28	Amy Jo Elizabeth	Lawrence Anthony DeVito
		Patricia Sue Ely
Oct. 30	Jamison James	Jessie N. Mims
		Patricia Lee Murray
Oct. 31	Kourtney Lynn	Kenneth Scott Tibbetts
		Judith Anne Koch

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mason, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
Jan. 12	Winifred Arlene Locke	Boston, MA	Woodlawn, L. A., CA
Mar. 12	Donna Denise Hoadley	Norwich, CT	John Hay, Hartford, CT
Mar. 12	Martin Ross	Bloomfield, CT	Prospect Hill, Mason
Mar. 12	Irene Helstein Ramsey	Mason, NH	Prospect Hill, Mason
May 9	Louis Brague Smith	Mason, NH	Prospect Hill, Mason
June 1	Darlene Alana Polhemus	Reston, VA	Prospect Hill, Mason
July 29	Edward Jon Moore	Mason, NH	Prospect Hill, Mason
Aug. 3	Florence Wallace Mathews	Mason, NH	East Elmhurst, NY
Oct. 7	Julius Scotland McClain	Mason, NH	Prospect Hill, Mason
Dec. 7	Thomas Mathew Fitzgerald	Mason, NH	Prospect Hill, Mason

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

The State of New Hampshire

SCHOOL WARRANT

For Election of Officers on March 2, 1976

To the inhabitants of the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, qualified to vote in the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on the SECOND day of MARCH 1976 —

GREENVILLE VOTERS at the Community Hall in Greenville at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

MASON VOTERS at the Mason Town Hall in Mason at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

NEW IPSWICH VOTERS at the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL in New Ipswich at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

(Polls will be open for balloting at designated hours above and will not close before 6:00 p.m. in Greenville, 7:00 p.m. in Mason, and 7:00 p.m. in New Ipswich.)

1. To choose a Moderator, by ballot, for the ensuing year.

2. To choose three (3) Members of the School Board, by ballot, one from the town of Greenville, one from the town of Mason, and one from the town of New Ipswich, each member so chosen to serve for a term of three (3) years.

3. To choose two (2) Auditors, by ballot, for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said NEW IPSWICH this Eleventh day of February 1976.

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
ANNABEL ALDRICH
GEORGE HALBEDEL
DONNA LAWLER
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
ANNABEL ALDRICH
GEORGE HALBEDEL
DONNA LAWLER
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
School Board

The State of New Hampshire

SCHOOL WARRANT

For Annual District Meeting on March 10, 1976

To the inhabitants of the MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, qualified to vote in the MASCENIC REGIONAL District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the MASCENIC REGIONAL MIDDLE-SENIOR SCHOOL in said district on the TENTH day of MARCH 1976, at seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

4. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board on its behalf to enter into and bind the district to any requisite agreements with the districts of Contoocook Valley Regional, Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative, and Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative, and the State Board of Education, so that the district will be enabled to participate in the Regional Vocational Educational Center Program conducted in the Contoocook Valley Regional School District serving Region 14.

6. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to permit the voluntary recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the elementary schools of the district in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 194:15-a of the State of New Hampshire.

7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) by the issuance of Serial Notes in the name of and on the credit of the District in accordance with RSA 33, subject to any state or federal grant available in the future and applicable to this article, for the purpose of repairing the Mascenic Regional School roof, said Serial Notes to be obtained on such rates or terms as may be deemed advisable by the School Board and paid off over a period of not more than three (3) years, or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$13,700.00) to help implement RSA:11 (a) (to make available a nutritious lunch to every pupil) by 1976, or take any action relating thereto.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to continue work on the Athletic Field for the Mascenic Regional School.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) to paint the interior of the Mason and New Ipswich Central School, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to audit the Financial Records of the district by a Certified Public Accountant, or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for a drainage ditch at the Mascenic Regional School, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said NEW IPSWICH this Eleventh day of February 1976.

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
ANNABEL ALDRICH
GEORGE HALBEDEL
DONNA LAWLER
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

EDWARD I. AHO
PEARL S. THOMPSON
ANNABEL ALDRICH
GEORGE HALBEDEL
DONNA LAWLER
MARGUERITE VAILLANCOURT
School Board

Mascenic Regional School District
SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATE FOR 1976-77

EXPENDITURES

100 Administration

110 Salaries District officers					
135 Contracted Services					
190 Other Expenses					
Administration Total					

200 Instruction

210 Salaries					
215 Textbooks					
220 School Library & A.V.					
230 Teaching Supplies					
235 Contracted Services					
290 Other Expenses					
Instruction Total					

300 Attendance Services

400 Health Services

500 Pupil Transportation

	Expended 1974-75	Budgeted 1974-75	Budgeted 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
	\$	\$	\$	\$
110 Salaries District officers	1,297.75	1,290.00	1,340.00	1,325.00
135 Contracted Services	298.40	300.00	300.00	300.00
190 Other Expenses	925.87	1,150.00	1,208.75	1,275.00
Administration Total	\$ 2,522.02	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 2,848.75	\$ 2,900.00
	\$565,376.01	\$582,579.00	\$612,511.52	\$684,922.00
215 Textbooks	10,304.21	12,054.88	10,425.32	13,305.00
220 School Library & A.V.	9,807.49	10,954.93	10,559.20	12,381.00
230 Teaching Supplies	33,431.70	29,896.83	34,530.47	42,698.00
235 Contracted Services	914.34	1,550.45	1,628.75	1,740.00
290 Other Expenses	5,324.65	4,890.55	6,001.75	9,535.00
Instruction Total	\$625,158.40	\$641,926.64	\$675,657.01	\$764,581.00
300 Attendance Services	\$	\$	\$	\$
	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
400 Health Services	\$	\$	\$	\$
	8,187.99	8,261.92	12,449.30	14,480.00
500 Pupil Transportation	\$	\$	\$	\$
	60,081.23	54,160.00	57,640.00	59,640.00

	Expended 1974-75	Budgeted 1974-75	Budgeted 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
600 Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	\$ 36,829.32	\$ 38,436.00	\$ 38,294.40	\$ 39,812.00
630 Supplies	8,297.13	7,574.25	10,766.75	10,132.00
635 Contracted Services	2,172.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,310.00
640 Heat	18,881.68	20,000.00	21,147.70	21,080.00
645 Utilities	23,500.51	23,590.00	26,690.00	25,350.00
Operation of Plant Total	\$ 89,680.64	\$ 91,700.25	\$ 98,998.85	\$ 98,734.00
700 Maintenance of Plant	\$ 36,410.69	\$ 29,246.71	\$ 31,625.93	\$ 36,373.00
800 Fixed Charges				
850 Retirement & FICA	\$ 42,330.57	\$ 45,754.13	\$ 45,921.08	\$ 60,270.00
855 Insurance	20,213.28	17,800.00	18,300.00	24,304.00
860 Rental — Land & Bldgs.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fixed Charges Total	\$ 62,544.85	\$ 63,555.13	\$ 64,222.08	\$ 84,575.00
900 School Lunch & Spec. Milk	\$ 13,289.10	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 7,710.00	\$ 7,710.00
1000 Student Body Activities	\$ 10,532.77	\$ 9,920.05	\$ 10,534.90	\$ 13,201.00
1200 Capital Outlay				
1265 Sites	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00
1266 Buildings	473.18	2,600.00	5,500.00	2,700.00
1267 Equipment	4,308.08	6,903.73	2,158.17	9,870.00
Capital Outlay Total	\$ 4,781.26	\$ 9,503.73	\$ 14,658.17	\$ 12,570.00

	Expended 1974-75	Budgeted 1974-75	Budgeted 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
1300 Debt & Interest				
1370 Principal	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 82,700.00
1371 Interest	46,101.71	46,101.71	42,418.09	38,734.06
Debt & Interest Total	\$128,801.71	\$128,801.71	\$125,118.09	\$121,434.06
1400 Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition In-State	\$ 15,499.09	\$ 11,640.00	\$ 19,761.72	\$ 10,821.00
1477.2 Transportation	4,579.65	6,340.00	10,522.40	7,555.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Exp.	29,117.59	29,117.59	31,181.98	34,906.66
1479.9 Other In-State Exp.	8,621.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
1478.1 Tuition Out-State	1,446.00	723.00	2,006.00	950.00
1478.2 Transportation	1,383.96	723.00	2,006.00	1,900.00
1479.1 Tuition Pvt. Schools	6,007.99	4,935.00	6,431.00	11,942.00
1479.2 Transportation	4,420.94	4,935.00	6,431.00	11,942.00
Transfer Accounts Total	\$ 71,077.00	\$ 58,413.59	\$ 78,370.10	\$ 80,016.66
Grand Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$1,113,067.66	\$1,105,954.73	\$1,179,833.18	\$1,296,289.72
Balance 6-30-75:				
Gen. Fund	3,272.42			
Bldg. Fund	10,835.83			
	\$1,127,175.91			

RECEIPTS

Bal. on Hand June 30:

Gen. Fund					
Bldg. Fund	\$ 25,434.68	\$ 22,269.98	\$ 8,091.38*	\$	0.00
	10,132.31				

10 Revenue from Local Sources

11 Taxation & Appropriation					
11.11 Current Appropriation	\$897,193.63				
12 Tuition from Patrons					
12.1 Current Year	693.75				
19 Other Revenue					
19.1 Trust Funds	3,100.63	1,474.68	1,785.31	1,700.00	
19.2 Int. on Temp. Deposits	703.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	
19.3 Rent	25.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	
19.9 Other	8.00	110.17	0.00	0.00	
Total Revenue Local Sources	\$901,724.53	\$ 1,589.85	\$ 1,785.31	\$ 1,700.00	

30 Revenue from State Sources

31 Foundation Aid	\$ 91,143.96	\$ 91,046.59	\$ 84,712.52	\$ 62,687.00	
32 Building Aid	51,516.20	51,516.20	37,215.00	37,215.00	
34 Driver Education	2,621.78	2,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
36 Sweepstakes	13,215.24	13,002.72	24,633.20	23,472.00	
37 Incentive Aid	6,862.54		6,647.81	6,600.00	
39 Other — Foster Children	3,400.00	9,702.54	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Total Revenue State Sources	\$168,759.72	\$167,968.05	\$156,808.53	\$133,574.00	

40 Revenue from Federal Sources

42.1 Vocational Education	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,879.08	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
45 Lunch & Spec. Milk	12,775.31	8,726.44	6,150.00	6,150.00	

	Actual 1974-75	Approved 1974-75	Approved 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
48.2 ESEA Title III	950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
49 Other Revenue	2,500.00	3,327.70	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue Federal Sources	\$ 20,025.31	\$ 16,933.22	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 6,150.00
50-73 Non Revenue Receipts				
72 Sale of Equipment	\$ 175.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
73 Net Ins. Recovery	141.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Non Revenue Receipts	\$ 316.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
80-89 Incoming Transfer Accounts				
82 Transportation	\$ 783.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Total Receipts of District	\$1,127,175.91	\$208,761.10	\$172,835.22	\$141,424.00
Balance 6-30-75:				
Gen. Fund	3,272.42			
Bldg. Fund	10,835.83			
	<u>\$1,113,067.66</u>			
Grand Total Amount Required to Meet				
School Board's Budget		1,105,954.73	\$1,179,833.18	\$1,296,289.72
Grand Total Estimated Receipts		208,761.10	172,835.22	141,424.00
Grand Total Assessment to Meet				
School Board's Budget		\$ 897,193.63	\$1,006,997.96	\$1,154,865.72
* Cash on Hand 6-30-75	\$ 3,272.42			
Plus Assets	5,195.96			
Minus Liabilities	<u>377.00</u>			
	\$ 8,091.38			

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975

RECEIPTS

#10 Revenue from Local Sources		
11.00	Taxation and Appropriation	
11.11	Current Appropriation	\$ 897,193 63
12.00	Tuition from Patrons	
12.12	High School, Regular School Year, Current Year	693 75
19.00	Other Revenue from Local Sources	
19.10	Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments	3,100 63
19.20	Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments	703 52
19.30	Rent	25 00
19.90	Other	8 00
#30 Revenue from State Sources		
31.00	Foundation Aid	91,143 96
32.00	School Building Aid	51,516 20
34.00	Driver Education	2,621 78
36.00	Sweepstakes	13,215 24
37.00	Incentive Aid	6,862 54
39.10	Foster Children Aid	3,400 00
#40 Revenue from Federal Sources		
42.00	Vocational Education	3,800 00
45.00	School Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	12,775 31
48.30	Title III	950 00
49.10	Adult Basic Education	2,500 00
#70 Sale of School Property and Insurance Adjustments		
72.00	Sale of Equipment	175 00
73.00	Net Insurance Recovery	141 00
#80 Amounts Received from Other School Districts in State and Amounts Received from Capital Reserve Funds		
82.00	Transportation	783 36
Total Net Receipts from All Sources		<hr/> \$1,091,608 92

Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, 7-1-74	
General Fund	25,434 68
Building Fund	10,132 31
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Grand Total	\$1,127,175 91

EXPENDITURES

100 Administration	
110.10 District Officers	\$ 1,297 75
135.00 Contracted Services	298 40
190.10 Other Expenses	925 87
200 Instruction	
210.10 Principals	44,730 00
210.30 Teachers	471,453 01
210.40 Other — Librarian & Guidance	33,408 40
210.50 Secretarial & Clerical Assistants	12,382 30
210.90 Other — Teacher Aides	3,402 30
215.00 Textbooks	10,304 21
220.00 School Library and Audiovisual Materials	9,807 49
230.00 Teaching Supplies	33,431 70
235.00 Contracted Services	914 34
290.00 Other Expenses	5,324 65
400 Health Services	
410.00 Salaries	8,055 00
490.00 Other Expenses	132 99
500 Pupil Transportation	
535.00 Contracted Services	60,081 23
600 Operation of Plant	
610.00 Salaries	36,829 32
630.00 Supplies, except Utilities	8,297 13
635.00 Contracted Services	2,172 00
640.00 Heat for Buildings	18,881 68
645.00 Utilities, except Heat	23,500 51
700 Maintenance of Plant	
725.00 Replacement of Equipment	8,446 79
726.00 Repairs to Equipment	965 45
735.00 Contracted Services	14,571 35

766.00	Repairs to Buildings	12,186 10
790.00	Other Expenses	241 00
800 Fixed Charges		
850.20	Teachers' Retirement System	6,547 73
850.30	F.I.C.A.	35,782 84
855.00	Insurance	20,213 28
860.00	Rental of Land & Buildings	1 00
900 School Lunch & Special Milk Program		
910.00	Physicals	60 00
975.10	Federal Monies	11,729 10
975.20	District Monies	1,500 00
1000 Student Body Activities		
1010.00	Salaries	4,060 00
1075.00	Expenditures & Transfers of Monies	6,472 77
1200 Capital Outlay		
1266.00	Buildings	473 18
1267.00	Equipment	4,308 08
1300 Debt Service from Current Monies		
1370.00	Principal of Debt	82,700 00
1371.00	Interest on Debt	46,101 71
1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477.10	Tuition to Other School Districts	15,499 09
1477.20	Transportation	4,579 65
1477.30	District Share Supervisory Union Expenses	29,117 59
1477.90	Other In-State Expenditures	8,621 78
1478.10	Tuition to Another State	1,446 00
1478.20	Transportation	1,383 96
1479.10	Tuition to Private Nonsectarian Schools	6,007 99
1479.20	Transportation	4,420 94
Total Net Expenditures for All Purposes		\$1,113,067 66
Cash on Hand at End of Year, 6-30-75		
	General Fund	3,272 42
	Building Fund	10,835 83
Grand Total Net Expenditures		\$1,127,175 91

**EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
NET (ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES AND
GROSS TRANSACTIONS**

A. RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts plus Cash on Hand	
July 1, 1974	\$1,127,175 91
Receipts Recorded under Item 60	11,372 95
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Total Gross Receipts	\$1,138,548 86

B. EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures plus Cash on Hand	
June 30, 1975	\$1,127,175 91
Expenditures Reduced by Receipts	
Recorded in Item 60	11,372 95
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Total Gross Expenditures	\$1,138,548 86

ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974	\$ 10,132 31
Total Receipts during Year — Interest	703 52
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Grand Total Receipts	\$ 10,835 83
Total Expenditures during Year	0 00
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Cash on Hand June 30, 1975	\$ 10,835 83

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

	Mason School	Mascenic Regional	Total
Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$10,800.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$1,030,800.00
Issued during Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Total	\$10,800.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$1,030,800.00
Payments of Principal of Debt	2,700.00	80,000.00	82,700.00
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Notes & Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 940,000.00	\$ 948,100.00

BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1975

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1975	
General Fund	\$ 3,272 42
Building Fund	10,835 83
Accounts Due to District	
NDEA Title III	2,300 00
Adult Basic Education	20 00
Vocational Education	2,875 96
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Total Assets	\$ 19,304 21
Net Debt	940,008 62
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Grand Total	\$959,312 83

LIABILITIES

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1975	
Building Fund	\$ 10,835 83
Accounts Owed by the District	
Adult Basic Education	293 84
Accounts Payable — No. 855.2	83 16
Capital Reserves	
Notes & Bonds Outstanding	948,100 00
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Total Liabilities	\$959,312 83
Surplus	0 00
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Grand Total	\$959,312 83

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 \$ 25,434 68

Received from Selectmen:

Current Appropriation \$897,193 63

Revenue from State Sources 168,759 72

Received from Federal Sources 20,025 31

Received from Tuitions 693 75

Received as Income from

Trust Funds 3,100 63

Received from All Other Sources 12,505 31

Total Receipts ----- 1,102,278 35

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year \$1,127,713 03

Less School Board Orders Paid 1,124,440 61

Balance on Hand June 30, 1975 \$ 3,272 42

ISABELLE ALIX, District Treasurer

July 1, 1975

BUILDING BUDGET

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 \$10,132 31

Total Receipts — Interest 703 52

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year \$10,835 83

Less School Board Orders Paid 0 00

Balance on Hand June 30, 1975 \$10,835 83

ISABELLE ALIX, District Treasurer

July 1, 1975

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the Mascenic School District of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, and find them true and correct.

FERNANDE C. BLACKBURN

LAURENCE M. ACKERSON

Auditors

July 24, 1975

SCHEDULE OF BOND INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYABLE AT

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
100 Franklin Street
Boston 6, Mass.

Name: Mascenic Regional School District, New Hampshire

Description of Issue School Bonds (State Guaranteed)

Amount: \$750,000 Rate 4.375% Dated: May 1, 1968

Due: \$40,000 on May 1 each year 1969-85 inclusive

Due: \$35,000 on May 1 each year 1986-87 inclusive

Address: Mrs. Isabelle Alix, Treasurer, Mascenic School
District, Greenville, New Hampshire 03048.

Date	Int.	Principal	Date	Int.	Principal
11-1-75	10,281.25		11-1-81	5,031.25	
5-1-76	10,281.25	40,000	5-1-82	5,031.25	40,000
11-1-76	9,406.25		11-1-82	4,156.25	
5-1-77	9,406.25	40,000	5-1-83	4,156.25	40,000
11-1-77	8,531.25		11-1-83	3,281.25	
5-1-78	8,531.25	40,000	5-1-84	3,281.25	40,000
11-1-78	7,656.25		11-1-84	2,406.25	
5-1-79	7,656.25	40,000	5-1-85	2,406.25	40,000
11-1-79	6,781.25		11-1-85	1,531.25	
5-1-80	6,781.25	40,000	5-1-86	1,531.25	35,000
11-1-80	5,906.25		11-1-86	765.62	
5-1-81	5,906.25	40,000	5-1-87	765.63	35,000

**SCHEDULE OF BOND INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL
PAYABLE AT**

**Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
100 Franklin Street
Boston 6, Mass.**

Name: Mascenic Regional School District, New Hampshire

Description of Issue: School Bonds

Amount: \$750,000 Rate: 4.60% Dated: May 1, 1968

Due: \$40,000 on May 1 each year 1969/85 inclusive
\$35,000 on May 1 each year 1986/87 inclusive

Address: Mrs. Isabelle Alix, Treasurer, Mascenic Regional
School District, Greenville, New Hampshire 03048.

Date	Int.	Principal	Date	Int.	Principal
11-1-75	10,810		11-1-81	5,290	
5-1-76	10,810	40,000	5-1-82	5,290	40,000
11-1-76	9,890		11-1-82	4,370	
5-1-77	9,890	40,000	5-1-83	4,370	40,000
11-1-77	8,970		11-1-83	3,450	
5-1-78	8,970	40,000	5-1-84	3,450	40,000
11-1-78	8,050		11-1-84	2,530	
5-1-79	8,050	40,000	5-1-85	2,530	40,000
11-1-79	7,130		11-1-85	1,610	
5-1-80	7,130	40,000	5-1-86	1,610	35,000
11-1-80	6,210		11-1-86	805	
5-1-81	6,210	40,000	5-1-87	805	35,000

MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Serial Notes — 3½ % Interest — Dated July 15, 1962

Original Amount — \$40,500

Payable: Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H. 03055

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
July 15, 1975	2,700.00	140.46	5,400.00
January 15, 1976		95.13	
July 15, 1976	2,700.00	94.09	2,700.00
January 15, 1977		47.47	
July 15, 1977	2,700.00	46.70	0.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND TRAVEL 1975-76

Proportionate Share Paid by District and State
Apportionment based upon 50 % Equalized Valuation
and 50 % Average Daily Membership

	Salary	Travel
Union's Share	\$22,200.00	\$1,000.00
State's Share	4,000.00	0.00
Total	<hr/> \$26,200.00	<hr/> \$1,000.00
Mascenic Regional's Share	\$11,655.00	\$ 525.00

MASCENIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Carl E. Bowers

During the 1974-75 School Year (July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975) a minimum of twenty-four School Board meetings were held at the Mascenic Regional School. For the most part, the School Board met on the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. for the transaction of business, with the Superintendent and both the Elementary and Secondary Principals in attendance. The meetings usually adjourned between 9:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

In consultation with the Superintendent and in accordance with statutes and regulations of the State Board of Education, educational goals of the District and long-range plans were discussed and implemented within the appropriations provided. Work in the area of establishing written policies and procedures was continued during the year.

New staff members included Mrs. Mozelle Coe who replaced Miss Sue Thomas, second grade teacher at the New Ipswich Central School. Miss Thomas resigned because of illness. Mrs. Kerry Donovan, formerly an instructional aide at the Mason Elementary School, was hired as a second grade teacher to replace Mrs. Annette Anderson, who resigned due to illness. Miss Nancy Sheehan was hired as an Art teacher of both the Mascenic Middle and the Elementary Schools. She replaced Miss Joyce Kotz, who resigned to move to New Jersey. Mrs. Yvonne Champagne was employed as a second grade teacher at the Sacred Heart Public School to replace Miss Helene Maheu, who resigned to return to Maine. Miss Susan Meaney was appointed as an instructional aide at the Mason Elementary School to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Mrs. Kerry Donovan to the New Ipswich Central School as a second grade teacher.

New staff members at the Mascenic Regional School are as follows: Mr. Ernest Zuretti, Assistant Principal; Mr. Daniel Hilliard, teacher of Business Education; Mr. Thomas Barker, Social Studies; Mr. Robert Eaves, Vocational Direc-

tor and Industrial Arts; Mr. Paul Bell, Instructor of Industrial Arts; and Mr. Steven Xindaris, teacher of Chemistry and Biology.

Mrs. Neta Frost, head teacher at the Mason Elementary School for many years, retired from teaching at the close of the 1974-75 school year. She will be deeply missed by all of the professional staff, parents and children. Mrs. Lillias Johnson, second and third grade teacher at the Mason Elementary School, also retired after several years of teaching. A retirement banquet was held at the Riverdale Inn to honor these two fine teachers for their outstanding performance and dedication while serving the girls and boys at the Mason School.

After several years of operating the Elementary Schools without any secretarial help, Mrs. Elaine Whitney, who served as Clerk for the Mascenic Regional School District and worked in the Supervisory School Union No. 63 Office, was hired on a part-time basis to fill this much-needed position.

Visitors continued to come from various bilingual projects and schools. Andre Chabot, formerly with the Greenville Bilingual Project and now Director for the New Canaan, Vermont Bilingual Project, brought down several staff members to observe our exemplary bilingual project. Two different groups of graduate students from the International School in Brattleboro, Vermont visited the Greenville Schools to observe bilingual schools in operation.

The following in-service workshops were held for the staff: Exploratory Metrics Workshop conducted by Mr. Fernand Prevost, Mathematics Consultant for the New Hampshire State Department of Education; Art Workshop conducted by our own Miss Nancy Sheehan; and Learning Disabilities Workshop conducted by the Staff of the Special Education Consortium. In addition to the locally conducted workshops, several staff members attended sessions at Franklin Pierce College.

A Dental Health and Hygiene program was conducted in the four elementary schools by registered dental hygienist, Mrs. Noreen O'Connell. The program is centered around preventive dental problems, and includes giving to

each participant a complete cleaning and a fluoride treatment.

Curriculum guides in the areas of reading, mathematics, and science were completed by the curriculum subcommittees in the elementary schools. These guides include a scope and sequence of skills and concepts to be learned, a statement of philosophy, and general objectives. Implementation of these guides will occur during the 1975-76 school year.

Maintenance of the physical facilities was continued as in the past and included the installation of a new front door at the Greenville Public School, replacing the old Cathedral-type door. The bell and tower at the Mason Elementary School were repaired along with replacement of the front doors, insulation between the roof and ceiling, and interior work on the classroom doors.

Work on the new Athletic Field progressed as far as allocated monies permitted. Carpeting throughout the Mascenic Regional School was repaired, and work on the dividers between classes was continued.

The Mascenic Staff Development Committee completed work on a Master Plan that was submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Education for their approval. Implementation of this program goes into effect during the 1975-76 school year.

A successful year can only be accomplished with the help and assistance of all, and with this thought in mind, I would like to thank the School Board and all the citizens of the Mascenic Regional School District for their continued support in the education of our youth.

Mason, New Hampshire, boyhood home of Samuel Wilson who became the symbolic personification of the United States of America. Town Meeting Day, 1976.

As we turn our minds to the task of attending to the annual business necessary to the running of our town in this Bicentennial Year, let us consider what we are doing in the light of the past and of the future.

What a dangerous undertaking it was, indeed, for a small group of relatively young colonies to take up arms against their mother country because of what they believed to be their rights. What courage and faith, determination and sacrifice it took to win their independence and then to translate their beliefs into a new form of government called democracy. "We pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor" — they wrote in their unanimous Declaration of Independence on that famous Fourth of July, 1776.

What about *our* Lives, *our* Fortunes and *our* sacred Honor? What we are doing here today is still, after all this time, a unique and uncommon thing in the world: we, the people, running our town ourselves. A tough task in this day and age, but also a precious heritage to have and to hold as we go ahead together into the living of the next two hundred years. Let us feel within ourselves this day the ever-deepening meaning and responsibility of all that lies firm in the foundation of our country.